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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

## Banks.

LONDON:—A. ALAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 80, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Jonciere, Paris.

NEW YORK—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Singapore. C. HEINZEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA:—ALDO, MESSRS A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Shantou, CAMPBELL & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co. Foochow, HEDGE & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

## Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £190,000.  
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 , 4 per cent. "

" 12 , 6 per cent. "

WILLIAM FORREST,  
Manager.

Hongkong May 10, 1880.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, £1,600,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman:—The Hon. W. KENNEDY.

Deputy Chairman:—A. MULVER, Esq.

ADOLPH ANDER, Esq. H. COFFER, Esq.

E. R. BELLER, Esq. H. HOPPIUS, Esq.

H. L. DAWMPLE, F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong:—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai:—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

London:—LONDON and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 , 4 per cent. "

" 12 , 6 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTÉ DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,  
PARIS.

AGENTS AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,  
MADRAS, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,  
LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,  
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW,  
MELBOURNE.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits or Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMENT,  
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1880.

## Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 , 4 per cent. "

" 12 , 5 per cent. "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,  
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

M. ERNST LUDWIG REUTER has been authorized to sign our Firm for Procurement.

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1880.

### NOTICE.

M. THOMAS GIBB WILLIAMSON has been authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong from this date.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880.

### NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. JOHN PATRICK LALOR to sign the Name of our Firm.

MARGESSON & Co.

Macao, 5th October, 1880.

### NOTICE.

WE have been appointed Sole Agents of the ELLIOTT COMPANY, Birmingham, for Hongkong and China.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1880.

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### NOTICE.

# THE CHINA MAIL.

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## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED BY  
AMERICAN MAIL.

Prime East India Tea,  
Young America CHIEFS,  
Tea, Apple C. & S.,  
Caffierian B. & T.,  
H. P. & M. T.,  
and its TONQUES  
Some 1 Pigs FEET,  
SPLIT PEAS,  
Assorted JAMES, &  
Assorted VEG. & BEANS,  
Assorted MINTS,  
Assorted SOUPS,  
CODEFISH,  
Pig's Head CHEESE,  
Devilled HAM,  
CAVARE,  
California Golden SYRUP,  
CIDER.

Whittaker's HAMS,  
Breakfast C. & T.,  
CURED HONEY in Jars and  
Cups,  
Pork & LARD,  
SPLIT PEAS,  
Assorted VEG. & BEANS,  
Assorted MINTS,  
Assorted SOUPS.

Green TEA, 1 lb. 10s.  
Bent's Candy and 1 lb. 10s.  
Calf Ribs, 1 lb. 10s.  
Ginger C. & T.,  
Milk BISCUITS,  
Soda BISCUITS,  
Wafer BISCUITS,  
Almond BISCUITS,  
Oyster BISCUITS.

Backwheat FLOUR,  
CORNMEAL,  
RYE, M. & A.,  
HOMINY, Small and Large,  
Cracked WHEAT,  
COCONUTS.

SHELLBACK OILS,  
PECAN NUTS,  
WALNUTS,  
SOFT SHELL LUMPS,  
TEA NUTS.

Canned Table Fruits.  
Barrett PEARS,  
GARLIC,  
APRICOTS,  
QUINCES,  
etc., etc.

Tart FRUITS,  
Smoked DUCK,  
Smoked ONION,  
Compressed ONION POWDER,  
Mince MEAT,  
Compressed BEEF,  
Assorted JAMS in Glass Jars,  
Mixed PEACHES,  
Assorted PEACHES,  
Corn CREAM,  
Orange JUICE,  
Canned CHICKEN,  
Sauerkraut,  
California SARDINES,  
CORK and BEANS,  
Yeast POWDER,  
Smoked SALMON,  
POKE in 200g Barrels,  
BEEF in 200g Barrels,  
Fruit BUTTER,  
Cranberry SAUCE,  
Apple SAUCE,  
Butter BEANS,  
Brown BEANS.

We also supply FLOUR, COCONUT,  
Large or small Quantities in Bulk,  
Flour, ALFAL, RAISINS,  
Flour, PATOES, CURRANTS,  
Egg, Figs,  
Good Breakfast C. & T.,  
Fine MINTUR in 6 & 10 Ounce Boxes.

CHOCOLATE & BISCUITS,  
HOUSE TO GO, NUTS,  
etc., etc.

JOHN MOR & CO.,  
ORIENTALIZED PRESERVES  
Being in direct special attention to  
all selected States of  
Wines, Spirits, &c.

HEINZ & CO.'S MONGOLIA, Pts. & Qua.  
MURK'S (Jules) CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qua.  
CHARLES HEIDBUCK'S WHITE SEAL,  
Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU LAROSE (OCCUPIED & ADDED),  
Pinto and Quarts,  
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IRES GRAVES, Pinto and Quarts,  
BREAKFAST CLARKE, Pinto and Quarts,  
OLD INVALID CLARKE,  
ST. JULIEN, etc., etc.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.  
Chambertin, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch,  
Hockheimer, Niersteiner, Steinberger  
Cabinet, Riedelheimer Berg, Konig  
Viktoria Berg, Chateau  
Yquem, Grand Vitis, Sauternes,  
Sauternes, Malbec, Sauternes  
Chateau Pape D'Or White Seal  
Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado  
Sherry, Cutler Palmer and Company's  
Sherry, Imported Port (1849), Hunt's Port.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.  
CHAMBERTIN, RAYON, etc.,  
FINE PATOES, CURRANTS,  
EGG, FIGS,  
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## Mails.

## Insurances.

CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 40th FLOOR, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the  
last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.00

GENERAL RESERVE FUND £300,000.00

RESERVE FUND UPWARDS £425,000.00

BALANCE UNDIVIDED £70,778.42

DIVIDEND PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS 20% per annum.

PAID UP CAPITAL OF THE TRUSTEES  
£1,000,000.00, 25% on the amount  
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ALSO  
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## THE CHINA MAIL.

## CANTON.

October 16.

We have the N.E. monsoon, sure, at last, but without much rain or force of wind; the atmospheric disturbances of a serious character having been discounted gradually in a rather extended radius around us, promising exemption from cyclones for six months at least.

Let us hope, however, that this will not abate interest in the proposition to found an Observatory upon one of the higher elevations of Hongkong; for, apart from local considerations of its utility or contributory value to the residents and casual sojourners, the recognition of its usefulness will speedily be as wide as the world of Science. In point of eligibility, indeed, no other site East of Cape of Good Hope is comparable to it; and considering its central position in relation to Typhoons in the China Seas, as well as its proximity to the region subject to the phenomena of Earthquake—including Japan, Formosa, the Philippines, and contiguous islands—it may be safely predicted that the scientists of all countries will soon and oftenest find their gaze attracted to the "flashing" from the "Victoria" Observatory than to that of any other.

I venture to suggest also that is, beside the name above, as the right designation, that those erected, contiguously, a still higher tower than that of the Observatory for a revolving "Light," of the fullest power, to serve for Mariners, to the outer verge of all the Southerly and Westerly dangers, say the Ladron Islands at S.W., the Ass' Ears S. by E. being the most distant, and that shall be visible far to the North and East of the Island. Thus constituting Hongkong the "point of departure" for all vessels navigating the China Sea, whether proceeding from or to its harbour or not. Vessels can then "shape their course" with assurance of avoiding the Prata Shoal and gain a fresh direction enabling greater precaution against the Paracels and the Seaborough.

The report you gave as from Manila, two or three days ago, and portending another cyclone, will probably be found to afford a fresh confirmation, in stead of the theory that the monsoon when setting in with force, begins at the leeward; that is, the vacuum (that nature abhors) exists at length, at the South in some constituents of the atmosphere, or certain meteorological conditions have become established by a prevalence of Southerly or Northerly winds whereby rotary effects are produced, alternately in the one monsoon or the other.

In this connection I may mention that as I was crossing the river from Canton on the 25th ult., I was startled by the projection of a brilliant meteor directly before me from East to West, but 10 to 15 degrees high, and its explosion into fragments, as I sat gazing with fascination at its track of splendor.

P.S.—There was an annoying substitution of solid for social on the sixteenth line of my note of the 6th about our loss of Mr. Parker, for which your prompt reader can deduce no solid reason, not any rhyme, unless it was to confound me with some *Anteal Mariner* or other!

P.S.—Sunday evening.—The foregoing was written yesterday a.m. to send by the *Powhatan*, with no suspicion, as you will infer from its tenor, that anything had occurred to detain her; and so little had the barometer or general appearances indicated a gale, that as the afternoon wore away with the *Ichang* also outstanding from your port and both the *Kinsan* and *Tungting* from Mexico, there were conjectures of a disquieting nature somewhat rife among the Chinese, as to the safety of the *Powhatan*; the hypothesis being that a calamity had befallen her *en route* and that the other three steamers were detained in the river by efforts for her rescue. Happily the *Ichang*'s whistle sounded at half-past nine, and on going to her I learnt the cause of the detentions; which, however, the range of the barometers noted in your Friday evening's issue does not adequately account for, while the lowest marking here was 29.80, with thermometer at 82°. The *Kinsan* and *Tungting* arrived this p.m.

Your Australian correspondent has been absent in the country about two weeks, so "Old-Sportman" must not think it strange if a rejoinder is wanting.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. Ng Choy)

Monday, Oct. 18.

[The following case, w.r. crushed on last night.—Ed. C. M.]

## A REAL CHINESE CASE.

Wong a Hing, a coolie, was charged by Mak Akan, a married woman, with stealing a cotton jacket value \$1, the property of the complainant on the 17th inst. The evidence was very contradictory and the magistrate, inclining to the belief that the defendant's story was true that the charge was trumped up against him in consequence of some money misunderstanding between them, discharged him, and fined two witnesses Mak Akan and Chu Acheung \$5, in default ten days' imprisonment with hard labour, for wilfully giving false testimony, and Chu Acheung \$5, to the accused for maliciously preferring a false charge, in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

## OBTAINING GOODS UNDER FALSE PRETENCES.

The case in which Tong Awoon is charged with obtaining goods—6 yards blue cloth and 4 yards black silk—from Mr. M. Khamisa, on the pretence that they were for Mrs. Mohamed Arab who had never ordered them, in which evidence was given on the 11th, was called off and further postponed for another week, bail in \$100 as before.

## THEFT OF LEAD.

For stealing a quantity of lead, the property of Lui Tsui Fuk, a boatman, a man who had been once previously convicted, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

## LARCENY OF WOOD.

Ip Akai was sent to gaol for seven days with hard labour for theft of a piece of wood value \$1 on the 17th inst.

## ALLEGED LARCENY.

Chan Aho, wife of Lui Akai, was charged with the larceny of four gold rings value \$25, and of 60 cents in silver. The case has not been tried before. The complainant was now called and was not present, and the defendant was discharged.

## LARCENY.

Lei Achun, a coolie, was convicted of stealing a hair-pin from a woman in Square Street on the 14th, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

## DRUNK.

Charles Martin, 45, of Chili, a seaman unemployed, was fined 10 cents, in default six hours' imprisonment.

## NO OFFENCE IN LAW.

Yan Law, a hawker, was charged with trespass, and it was proved that he had been sending opium to a person confined in cell No. 7 Police Station. The magistrate discharged the prisoner on the ground that this was no offence in law.

Another case, in which Ng Ching-kuang was similarly charged, was similarly dealt with.

(Before the Hon. Ng Choy)

Tuesday, Oct. 19.

## BREACH OF OPUM ORDINANCES.

Li Aun, 45, unemployed, was charged with being in possession of prepared opium with a permit from the Opium Farmer on a 12th instant.

The case was proved by Inspector Perry, and an informer; and defendant was fined \$25 in default to be imprisoned for one month.

Wong Kun Che, 63, of Kam-shui, was selling opium without having a valid certificate from the Opium Farmer. P. C. George Rogers, proved the case, having entered defendant's house in Shek-tong (au) on a warrant, on the 18th instant, accompanied by an informer, and there found defendant with two other men who were smoking opium. A glass case full of opium, two pipes, lamps, seals, &c., were also found in the room. Two witnesses were called, who proved having bought opium of the defendant, and also having smoked it on the premises.

Defendant denied having sold opium to any one, and did not recognise the box of opium found in his house.

Prisoner was fined \$30, for retaining opium without a licence, in default to be imprisoned for six weeks. The opium to go to Opium Farmer.

## PUBLIC GAMBLING.

Pan Akwan, 34, tailor, Ching Asun, 26, Asun Aun, 24, and seven others, were charged with public gambling on the 18th instant.

Inspector Crook, visited the house No. 5, Strand Y Street yesterday evening, and there found the first, third and fourth persons and about nine more playing dominoes; on the table was found a sum of \$1,029 and a quantity of cash, a sum ten cent pieces a board on which we were written the names of those who owned money, and other gambling gear which since been lost on the premises.

Prisoner was fined two men who had been to the house to play at an inn.

The first defendant was convicted of keeping a gambling place, and fined \$75, in default to be imprisoned for two months with hard labour.

The third prisoner was convicted of being in a gambling place, and fined \$75, in default to be imprisoned for two months with hard labour.

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